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Gov. Perdue Announces Temporary Housing for Storm Victims

Mobile Homes Coming to Some Counties, Rental Assistance Already Available for Most Victims

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue announced today that the state of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency next week will start providing mobile homes and manufactured homes for those victims of the April 16 tornadoes in North Carolina who live in areas that lack sufficient temporary housing.

The mobile and manufactured homes are provided in a small percentage of cases. Most tornado victims who need housing assistance can use funding provided by FEMA to rent an apartment or house in their community. They have to register with FEMA first. The agency already has distributed \$2.2 million in rental grants in North Carolina.

"The arrival of these temporary homes and the rental grants from FEMA will provide some relief for our fellow North Carolinians who lost so much in this month's storms," said Gov. Perdue. "We will continue to work with our friends at FEMA and our other federal and state partners to do everything we can to help put the victims of these tornadoes back on their feet."

Executive Orders

In order to expedite the delivery of the mobile and manufactured homes, Gov. Perdue on Thursday signed Executive Order 90, which waives certain restrictions on vehicles carrying mobile homes or other temporary housing. The order waives regulations including size and weight limits and a quarterly fuel tax.

Gov. Perdue has also signed Executive Order 91 to speed the transportation of relief supplies to Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Virginia following tornado and storm damage in those states. The order relaxes restrictions on trucks traveling from or through North Carolina that are carrying recovery supplies.

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